

Melanie and her husband are near retirement. Before ObamaCare, their monthly health insurance premiums were around \$600. ObamaCare promised them reduced insurance premiums and increased access to care.

But this promise to Melanie, like it was to millions of Americans, was broken. Melanie's premium skyrocketed to nearly \$1,000 a month for a plan with a \$5,000 deductible. Her monthly premium is now more than their mortgage.

When her husband was laid off, their options were limited: continuing coverage through COBRA or entering the ObamaCare marketplace. The ObamaCare plans were even more expensive. While Melanie's husband was looking for work, they depleted their savings trying to maintain health insurance.

Melanie is one of millions of Americans who have been hurt by ObamaCare. It has raised Melanie's premiums and deductible, and when she needed an affordable option in an emergency, it wasn't there.

ObamaCare is collapsing. It is time to repeal it and provide relief to the millions of Americans suffering because of it.

COASTAL EROSION

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, climate change is real; and it is so real that, before Donald Trump became President, he petitioned Ireland for a permit to build a seawall for one of his greatest golf courses in the world. His permit application said rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions from climate change threatened his property.

As President, he seems to have changed his tune. In fact, a draft budget proposal from the administration zeros out investments in NOAA's Coastal Zone Management Program, zero dollars for an initiative that provides critical resources to communities facing the same threat from rising sea levels as the President's golf courses.

You know, if it sounds like I am outraged about this, it is because I find this so outrageous. This is going to hurt people in coastal communities.

I would like to invite the President to Taholah on the Quinault Indian Reservation. Tribal elders would tell him that the ocean that was once a football field away is now their front porch and creeps closer and closer every day.

They would like a brand-new seawall, too. But, unfortunately, they aren't billionaires. They need a partner in the Federal Government to protect their homes. So do folks in Ocean Shores and Westport and Neah Bay and coastal communities throughout my State.

Before releasing his budget, I hope the President remembers that it is not just his golf course that is at risk. We are talking about people's homes and

people's lives, and they deserve better than this.

OBAMACARE HURTING TEXAS FAMILIES

(Mr. CARTER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, ObamaCare is hurting Texas families, as the Speaker knows. The law has led to higher costs, fewer choices, and less access to the quality health care that is what the American people deserve.

Currently, over 70 percent of the counties nationwide have two or fewer insurers. Texas could see as much as a 48 percent rate increase in 2017. This is proof that ObamaCare is failing.

Hardworking Americans and their families have been begging for an end to the ObamaCare burden. It is up to this House to provide one.

House Republicans have forged a new path to patient-centered health care. Our plan looks out for the most vulnerable and allows for Americans to choose a plan that best suits their healthcare needs.

I am committed to repealing the broken promises of ObamaCare and replacing them with health care that works for Texas families.

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TRUMPCARE

(Mr. JEFFRIES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, this is day 49 of the Trump administration, which has been characterized by chaos, crisis, and confusion. Donald Trump promised to bring the jobs back, but the jobs bill must be in the witness protection program because, for the life of me, I can't find it.

Instead, we get TrumpCare, a bill that would destroy health care in America as we know it. TrumpCare will increase premiums on the American people. TrumpCare will increase copays on the American people. TrumpCare will increase deductibles on the American people. TrumpCare will increase the cost of prescription drugs on the American people. TrumpCare will reduce coverage for the American people. TrumpCare will be a disaster. And that is why House Democrats are going to do everything in our power to stop this reckless version of health care for America.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHURUBUSCO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. BANKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a historic accomplishment that took place this past

Saturday night in northeast Indiana. As you may know, in Indiana, we love basketball. We affectionately refer to our passion for the game as Hoosier Hysteria.

This is a special time of the year for Hoosiers. Every year, high school teams across our State compete in the annual Indiana high school basketball tournament. For one team, this year turned into a special season. Churubusco High School, located in Whitley County, first competed in the Indiana boys high school tournament in 1981. Over the years, many great players wore the Eagles uniform, but Churubusco High School never won a sectional title until this year.

This past Saturday night the Eagles claimed the Class 2A Woodlan Sectional, winning Churubusco's first sectional championship trophy in the 99-year history of its boys basketball program. Eagle senior Luke Foote, who scored 26 points in the sectional championship game, said after the win: "It is huge for the community knowing that history was made. It means a lot to the guys that put on the jersey before us. . . ."

I congratulate the Churubusco Eagles, head coach Chris Paul, and the entire Churubusco community on this historic accomplishment. The celebration of this sectional title is truly a century in the making.

REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE BILL

(Mr. FOSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, for 7 years, Republicans have been making promises about their secret healthcare plan. They said that under their plan, nobody would have to carry health insurance if they did not want to; and then when they got sick, they could demand their health insurance with no exclusions for preexisting conditions, no limits on coverage for expensive diseases, and that their coverage would be better and cheaper than ObamaCare for all Americans.

While they made these questionable promises, the Affordable Care Act provided more than 20 million Americans with lifesaving health care. And now, after 7 years, Republicans have finally revealed their secret plan. We now see that virtually all their promises were lies. Their plan will rapidly bankrupt Medicare, and those over 50 will see massive cost increases, and millions will lose their health care.

They did keep one promise, though. Massive new tax cuts for the wealthy. For that, millions of American families will pay a terrible price.

REPUBLICAN RESCUE MISSION

(Mr. MARSHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, as a physician, I know firsthand ObamaCare